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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 17 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

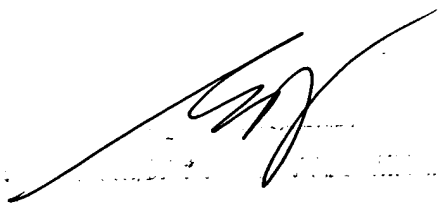

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed the amended claims and new claims with the examiner in the After final response. The examiner indicated that Applicant should avoid claiming the human body and instead use terminology such as "configured to" and "adapted to". The examiner also reminded Applicant that a functional language recitation merely required that the prior art be capable to performing the function, regardless of its intended use.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required